

NEWS from **The Savannah River Site**



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SAVANNAH RIVER SITE EMPLOYEES HELP COMMUNITY HUNGER WITH HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

AIKEN, S.C., December 11, 2001 -- Savannah River Site employees recently donated the equivalent of over 59 tons of food to Golden Harvest Food Bank during their annual holiday food drive.

Of the total amount collected this year, approximately 10,350 pounds was food and \$23,346 was cash.

Cash donations made by SRS employees will purchase about 108,559 pounds of food supplies and provide about 89,474 meals. One dollar converts to 4.65 pounds of food for Golden Harvest Food Bank. Measured another way, for every dollar donated, Golden Harvest can distribute over \$7 worth of food.

According to Golden Harvest Executive Director Mike Firmin, since the terrorist attacks of September 11, food bank donations have dropped off somewhat. "We are happy to receive this size donation, especially in time for the holidays. SRS has a strong history of supporting Golden Harvest Food Bank, and we hope to continue the tradition."

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Last year, site employees collected the equivalent of over 53 tons of food (9,220 pounds of food and \$19, 513 in cash).

This year's Food Drive ran Nov. 26-Dec. 7. Again this year, the WSRC Community Giving Program provided an additional \$2,000 to Golden Harvest Food Bank for the purchase of holiday turkeys and hams.

Golden Harvest Food Bank is a private, nonprofit organization whose mission is to fight hunger by feeding adults and children. Serving 24 counties in Georgia and South Carolina, the food bank has local warehouses in Augusta and Aiken.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Members of the news media are invited to attend the delivery of food drive donations which will be held, Wednesday, December 12, 9 a.m., Golden Harvest Food Bank-Augusta Distribution Center, located at 3310 Commerce Drive, Augusta.